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**Jury Finds Tajh Anderson Guilty of Murder**

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County jury found Tajh Anderson, 22, guilty of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the shooting death of 15 year old Stacy Long outside the Campbell Street Recreational Center on October 13, 2005. Anderson, who was 14 years old at the time of the murder, shot Long four times with a handgun as he left the facility. The case remained cold for over five years until Anderson, in a letter from prison to his children's mother, revealed details about the crime which indicated his direct involvement. Though Anderson made efforts to eliminate the evidence, experts from various law enforcement agencies were assembled to reconstruct the correspondence and preserve Anderson's written admissions.

Kyle R. Steinebach, a Major Felony prosecutor with the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, prosecuted Anderson.

"This conviction is the result of many years of work between the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, the US Secret Service, and those of us at the District Attorney's Office," said Steinebach. "I want to thank all of our partners in law enforcement for their efforts and for helping to ensure that Stacy Long and his family have finally received justice."

Anderson will be sentenced on September 19<sup>th</sup> before Judge Victoria Argento, where he faces up to 15 years to Life in prison—less than the usual 25 Years to Life maximum accompanying a conviction on Second Degree Murder due to the fact that Anderson was a juvenile at the time of the crime and was thus prosecuted as a juvenile offender. Anderson is currently serving 13 years in prison for an unrelated charge.

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